

person who works for Games and Parks could take off his uniform after work and work in your campaign. This is what this is merely intended to do.

SENATOR COPE: I think the bill, itself, that I agree but now this, we are talking about the amendment.

SENATOR MILLS: Excuse me, that is what I am speaking of, too, is the amendment.

SENATOR COPE: And all I, because I believe in the principle, but I don't want to see the state take over the jurisdiction of any regulations that a municipality or local government has with their employees.

SENATOR MILLS: I share your concern, Senator Cope, and I think it is very specific when it mentions any political subdivision thereof in the amendment.

SENATOR COPE: I read it a different way and I just wanted to be sure, is my question.

SENATOR MILLS: That's my information, Senator Cope, as honestly as I can give it to you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I may have given you a false notion a while ago that I didn't support this. I would hate to lose the other part of the bill because of this but what this really says, it still only pertains to Game and Parks people, and this is the original motion or bill, and all it says is like Senator Mills said that they can participate in these activities after they are off the job. And of course, at the top it says, unless specifically restricted by federal law or any other state law. Now we could add in there, "or local law", if you would feel better, Senator Cope, and this would help that part of it, and if that would make it more palatable. I don't think we want to supercede anybody's law that they have, and if this is the big objection, we will try to get an amendment up there to put that in there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have taken the time to look at Senator Newell's amendment really for the first time and I think that it is a fine piece of work. I believe that if there are prohibitions on political activities that need to be applied at the local level for our political subdivisions, that that should be the subject of state legislation. It seems to me that we cannot expect to have one set of rules and regulations on political activities applied to one political jurisdiction and another to the next without the opportunity, in fact the probability, that we are going to have discrimination and a chilling effect that sometimes will be inappropriate. It seems to me that if we are going to address this issue as Senator Newell's amendment would suggest, it ought to be done at the state level. Therefore, I would hope that you would adopt Senator Newell's amendment. I think that it adds to the bill and it is an important matter of state policy.